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## AUDIT REPORT WINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

LEXINGTON, KY -- The 2018 Exemplary Knighton Award for best performance audit in the extra-large audit shop category has been awarded to the City of Philadelphia's Office of the City Controller by the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA). The Award will be formally presented at ALGA's Annual Conference in Kansas City, MO on May 6, 2019.

The Philadelphia Office of the City Controller's mission is to promote the effective and efficient operation of Philadelphia government by conducting financial and performance audits and by identifying cost savings, recommending best practices and modernization, and exposing fraud and mismanagement.

Their report, [\*The Effectiveness of and Compliance with Sexual Harassment Policies and Procedures\*](#), was judged on several key elements, such as the potential for significant impact, the persuasiveness of the conclusions, the focus on improving government efficiency and effectiveness, and its clarity and conciseness.

The Philadelphia auditors took on a sensitive audit topic that addresses needs and concerns of decision-makers and the public. In developing appropriate audit methodology, the Philadelphia auditors dealt successfully with a significant scope limitation.

The report is organized to concisely present the objective, scope, methodology, and findings in the Executive Summary for readers with limited time. Audit recommendations are straightforward and feasible and will make the City's harassment prevention programs more effective: centralize and clarify the sexual harassment reporting process, standardize discipline guidelines, develop comprehensive prevention training program, and track any related cases and settlement costs.

Each year, local government audit organizations from around the U.S. and Canada submit their best performance audit reports for judging. The purpose of the competition is to improve government services by encouraging and increasing levels of excellence among local government auditors. Judges from peer organizations determined that this audit was among the best of 2018.

The Association of Local Government Auditors is a national audit association founded in 1985 committed to supporting and improving local government auditing through advocacy, collaboration, education, and training, while upholding and promoting the highest standards of professional ethics.